

**Abstract**

A system and method for controlling the operating characteristics of a buffer in a mobile unit. At least one communication from a source mobile unit may be received in a play-out buffer at a destination mobile unit. The play-out buffer may have an associated play-out depth. The communications received at the play-out buffer may be played to a recipient at the destination mobile unit. The remaining play-out depth of the play-out buffer in the destination mobile unit may be determined. An indication may be formed and sent to the source mobile unit when the remaining play-out depth of the play-out buffer in the destination mobile unit reaches a predetermined threshold.